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COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION CONFERENCE SCHEDULED AT UM
MISSOULA--

The University of Montana Center for Continuing Education has scheduled the third annual Computers in Education Conference for Nov. 12 and 13.

The conference will be held in conjunction with a computer science fair for high school students, sponsored by the UM Association of Computing Machinery Student Chapter.

The conference will be in session from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12, with check-in at 8 a.m. in the University Center Ballroom, and from 8:30 to 4:30 Saturday, Nov. 13.

Elementary, high school and adult basic education teachers, librarians, consultants and administrators will find the course particularly beneficial. Session topics include computer literacy, word processing, legal aspects of software, computing in the early grades, library applications and color graphics.

Computer experts on the conference program include George Gerhold from Western Washington University and Sue Dolezal, "Electronic Learning's 'Technology Using Educator of the Year.'"

Products demonstrating the latest in technology will be on display during the conference, with a special open house on Friday, Nov. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. The open house is open to the public at a \$2 charge. Computer vendors may arrange for displays by calling 243-2900.

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Participants may opt to earn one undergraduate or graduate credit in computer science, mathematics or education. The credit option will consist of in-depth tutorials in one of the following topics: PILOT, Teaching Methods for BASIC, LOGO, Computer Literacy, and Architecture of Microprocessors. Completion of an assigned project is required in addition to attending a special tutorial session from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12.

Cost of the conference is \$60. Those electing the credit option will pay an additional \$30. Enrollment in the conference and also in the tutorial sessions is limited, and prospective participants should pre-register by Oct. 29.

High School students taking part in the computer science fair that coincides with the conference may enter prepared projects and also compete in a programming contest at the fair. Prizes will be given at an awards dinner Saturday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m. in the University Center Gold Oak Room. Tickets for the banquet, which is open to the public, are \$10.

The banquet speaker is Daniel D. McCracken, a visiting professor of computer science at City College of New York.

Pre-registration for the conference sessions, the conference tutorials, and the computer science fair is required by Oct. 29. Information about pre-registration for the conference is available from the Center for Continuing Education (243-2900), and for the fair, from the Department of Computer Science (243-2883), at the University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

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